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HYDROCARBONACEOUS BINDER AND CONTINUOUS MANUFACTURING
PROCESS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 10 as follows:

10. (Amended) Process for the solvent-free continuous manufacture in a twin-screw mixer-extruder (1) of pyrotechnic compositions according to Claim 1, characterized in that:

- the twin-screw mixer-extruder (1) comprises a mixing and kneading compartment (2), a compression compartment (3) and an extrusion head (4), and in that

5 - the solid (A) and liquid (B) constituents are introduced into the mixing and kneading compartment (2) via two different feed openings, a feed opening for the solids and a feed opening for the liquids, in that they are, in this compartment, conveyed and kneaded, then,

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